

Long Jim II and Shoshone Prescribed Fires to be Ignited as Soon as Conditions Permit

Fire managers are closely monitoring weather in order to identify a window of suitable conditions to ignite the Long Jim II and Shoshone prescribed fires.

The 1034 acre **Long Jim II** prescribed fire will be ignited any day between Saturday, May 6th and May 17th, as soon as conditions allow. This Long Jim II burn unit is located 3 miles south/southeast of Grand Canyon Village and borders South Entrance Road (Highway 64) on the west. The Long Jim II prescribed fire may be visible to vehicles approximately halfway between the South Entrance Station and the Center Road intersection.

The 1090 acre **Shoshone** prescribed fire will be ignited any day between Sunday, May 7th and May 11th, as soon as conditions allow. The Shoshone burn unit is located approximately 3 miles east/southeast of Grand Canyon Village and is bordered by both Highway 64 East (Desert View Drive) and the Yaki Point Road; both roads are expected to remain open. The Shoshone Point Road and day use area will be closed to visitation on the day of the prescribed fire.

A large smoke column will be visible on the day of either prescribed fire. Residual smoke impacts may occur in the Grand Canyon and/or Tusayan area for 2-4 days following either fire.

Minor traffic delays are possible in the vicinity of the burns. Public safety personnel will direct traffic in these areas. Fire information staff will be available to provide additional information about the prescribed fires.

For additional fire information, please call 928-638-7819. You may also visit Grand Canyon's website at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/fire>, where you will find a map with the locations of both burn units and updated fire information.